

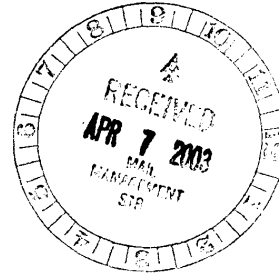
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Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20423-0001

Re: **Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 158X) - Union Pacific Railroad Company -- Abandonment Exemption -- In McPherson, Ellsworth and Rice Counties, KS**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Union Pacific Railroad Company has received a request from the City of Marquette for a 180-day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way in the Hoisington Subdivision between M.P. 504.5 to 506.5 for an interim recreational trail use/rail banking.

The Union Pacific is willing to continue to negotiate with the City of Marquette concerning the acquisition of the subject property for interim recreational trail use/rail banking and supports the City of Marquette's request for an extension of the negotiation period for 180 days. A copy of the City of Marquette's request is attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter and exhibit are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Very truly yours,

Attachment/Enclosures

cc: Frankie McNair  
<Via Facsimile: 202/565-9002>

Frederick L. Peterson  
Marquette City Clerk

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EXHIBIT "A"

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March 24, 2003

Secretary Vernon A. Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") and Central Kansas Railway Company ("CKR")  
Abandonment in McPherson County, Kansas, Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 158X) for UP and No. AB-406  
(Sub-No. 12X) for CKR. ANOTHER REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Dear Secretary Williams:

Another request is being filed on behalf of the City of Marquette, Kansas for an extension of time of 180 days to finalize the terms of the abandoned railway property from Union Pacific Railroad Company to the City of Marquette.

Please note that throughout the entire rail abandonment proceeding, the City of Marquette, Kansas has cooperated and continues to cooperate with the Surface Transportation Board by filing timely requests for extension of time to negotiate with the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

Also, please note that throughout the entire rail abandonment proceeding, the Union Pacific Railroad Company has demonstrated and continues to demonstrate its willingness to negotiate with the City of Marquette, Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,



Frederick L. Peterson, City Clerk  
On behalf of the City of Marquette

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